

FARMINGTON CITY – CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

JULY 7, 2020

REGULAR SESSION

Present: Mayor Jim Talbot; City Manager Shane Pace; City Councilmembers Brett Anderson, Scott Isaacson, Shawn Beus, Amy Shumway, and Rebecca Wayment; City Recorder Holly Gadd; Community Development Director Dave Petersen; Assistant City Manager/Economic Development Director Brigham Mellor; Assistant City Manager/City Engineer Chad Boshell; City Attorney Todd Godfrey; Police Chief Wayne Hansen; and Recording Secretary Deanne Chaston.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor **Jim Talbot** called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call (Opening Comments/Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance)

City Councilman **Brett Anderson** offered the invocation, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman **Scott Isaacson**.

PRESENTATIONS:

Mayor Talbot recalled how CenterCal got involved in the Station Park development a decade ago. He called it a gem for the city and Farmington was on the cutting edge of trying to do this tax increment deal. He said the City paid off the \$18.5 million in RDA in eight years, which is incredible. He said it takes a special kind of developer to make this sort of thing happen.

Mayor Talbot presented a check for the final tax increment disbursement from the Station Park RDA to **Craig Trottier** with CenterCal. Prior to the construction of Station Park, Davis County was collecting \$32 per year property tax across all government entities. Now 13 years after Farmington entered into the Agreement for Development of Land, the total sales taxes paid annually total around \$4 million dollars. This tax increment deal is considered one of the best in the state's history for all parties involved. **Mayor Talbot** said the development stopped for two years, but CenterCal had the stability to continue on.

Craig Trottier addressed the Council. He is a Davis County resident, a native of Bountiful. He has been in real estate for more than 30 years across the Western United States, and Station Park is dear to his heart.

City Manager **Shane Pace** said CenterCal has put \$350 million into Farmington, so the \$18.5 million was a good investment. Assistant City Manager/Economic Development Director **Brigham Mellor** said he remembers talking about REI and trying to get them to come to Farmington as a tenant. Although the City considered a tax incentive to get them, the developer never needed to offer that. **Mellor** said that is a testament to the honesty of CenterCal as a developer.

SUMMARY ACTION:

Minute Motion Approving Summary Action List

The Council considered the Summary Action List including approval of minutes from June 9, 2020; Federal Aid agreement with the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) for the 400 West and State Street pedestrian signal crossing; and Federal Aid Agreement with UDOT for the Park Lane widening project.

Motion:

Councilwoman **Amy Shumway** moved to approve the Summary Action list items as noted in the staff report.

Councilman **Shawn Beus** seconded the motion. All Council members voted in favor, as there was no opposing vote.

GOVERNING BODY REPORTS:

City Manager Report

Pace said a Black Lives Matter rally was held in the community last week. He was very impressed with how the Police and Parks and Recreation Departments handled it. About 350 people showed up.

Police Chief **Wayne Hansen** said it went well despite not knowing what to expect, especially after what had happened in Provo two nights before. He was in contact the Travis and Kristy Jarman family, who has a Black adopted son and wanted to hold he rally to show Farmington's support of their son. The family visited with the Police Department prior to the rally and had a good interchange. One rally participant that night put their hands up and said, "Don't shoot," but the rally continued on without acknowledging the act.

Beus had positive feedback from the organizers. The Davis County Sheriff was there in uniform. There was one small incident when someone at the end of the rally at 10 p.m. came and yelled, "Go home."

Mayor Talbot and City Council Reports

Beus said he is meeting Thursday with the Mosquito Abatement. He has not heard from the Historic Preservation Committee. **Pace** said the Hallmark Channel will be doing some filming in the museum coming up, and asked **Beus** to inform the committee. Farmington is one of the top small hometowns Hallmark likes to use for filming.

Shumway said there was lots of drama from the Trails Committee that she will comment on in a future meeting.

Councilwoman **Rebecca Wayment** mentioned that the schools mentioned what they will be doing for the fall. She would like a follow up on fiber options for city residents. She said where she lives, there is only CenturyLink and Comcast, and many others don't even have Comcast. If

there is going to be online schooling again, residents need reliable, fast Internet. It may become a big issue. She would like an update later.

Pace said he will update the Council when he has something to report on. Despite his search, he hasn't found many options. He has heard that Kaysville recently went through an RFP process, and he would like to get their information. Kaysville had some community kick back on that. He has heard that the CARES Act would not fund fiber, although he would have supported that. He said it would cost \$25 million to bring fiber to Farmington, and many companies would not want to do that without City participation. He suggests putting it to a citizen vote to end the controversy of whether the private sector or government should pay for it. There is a contingency of people who would be willing to pay for higher speeds, but another contingent who doesn't want the government involved in it. **Beus** brought up that there is Echo Broadband, with 100 mgs and 250 mgs options on the west side. **Wayment** and **Pace** said trees are a problem with line-of-sight Internet connectivity in the City.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion:

Beus made the motion to go into a closed meeting for the purpose of property acquisition and disposition. **Anderson** seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

Sworn Statement

I, **Jim Talbot**, Mayor of Farmington City, do hereby affirm that the items discussed in the closed meeting were as stated in the motion to go into closed session and that no other business was conducted while the council was so convened in a closed meeting.

Jim Talbot, Mayor

Motion:

Beus made a motion to reconvene to an open meeting. The motion was seconded by **Wayment**, which was unanimously approved.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion:

Wayment made a motion to adjourn the meeting. **Shumway** seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

Holly Gadd, Recorder